

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising:

storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria;

storing member information for each of a plurality of members, wherein each of the plurality of members has a corresponding electronic mailbox for receiving electronic communications for storage and later retrieval by that member;

comparing the stored event information and the stored member information to identify all matches between the stored event information and the stored member information;

storing match information about all of the identified matches, wherein for each of at least some of the members among the plurality of members the stored match information identifies multiple events among the plurality of events that were detected for that member;

based on the stored match information, generating and sending for each of the plurality of members, detecting whether the invitee selection criteria for any of the events matches the member information for that member; and

for each of the members for whom a match was detected, asynchronously sending an electronic invitation message to that member's the electronic mailbox of each member of the plurality of members for which matches are identified in the stored match information, wherein each the electronic invitation message invites its corresponding recipient to all of the events for which a match was matches were detected for that corresponding recipient, and wherein at least one of the electronic invitation messages sent invites its recipient to a plurality of events for which a match was detected.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises an area of practice.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising:

storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria;

storing member information for each of a plurality of members, wherein each of the plurality of members has a corresponding electronic mailbox for receiving electronic communications for storage and later retrieval and wherein the member information for each of the plurality of members includes one or more member preferences;

comparing the stored event information and the stored member information to determine which events among the plurality of events each of the plurality of members should be invited to determining, based on (a) matches between the member information and the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria for each of the plurality of events and (b) matches between the event information and the one or more member preferences for the respective members, ~~which events each of the plurality of members should be invited to;~~

storing invitation information indicating which events among the plurality of events each of the plurality of members should receive an invitation to, wherein for each of at least some of the members among the plurality of members the stored invitation information identifies multiple events among the plurality of events that were detected for that member; and

based on the stored invitation information, generating and sending invitations to the members based on results of the determining step, wherein the invitations are sent

~~asynchronously via an electronic invitation message to the electronic mailbox of each member of the plurality of members identified in the stored invitation information for receiving an invitation, wherein each electronic invitation message invites its corresponding recipient to all of the events identified for that recipient in the invitation information mailboxes and at least one of the invitations invites its recipient to more than one of the events.~~

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the comparing ~~determining~~ step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the comparing ~~determining~~ step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an area of practice.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

13. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

14. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

Claims 15-18. (Canceled)